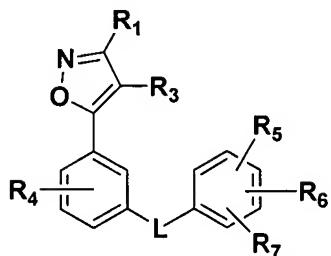


Amended Claims:

1 (Canceled).

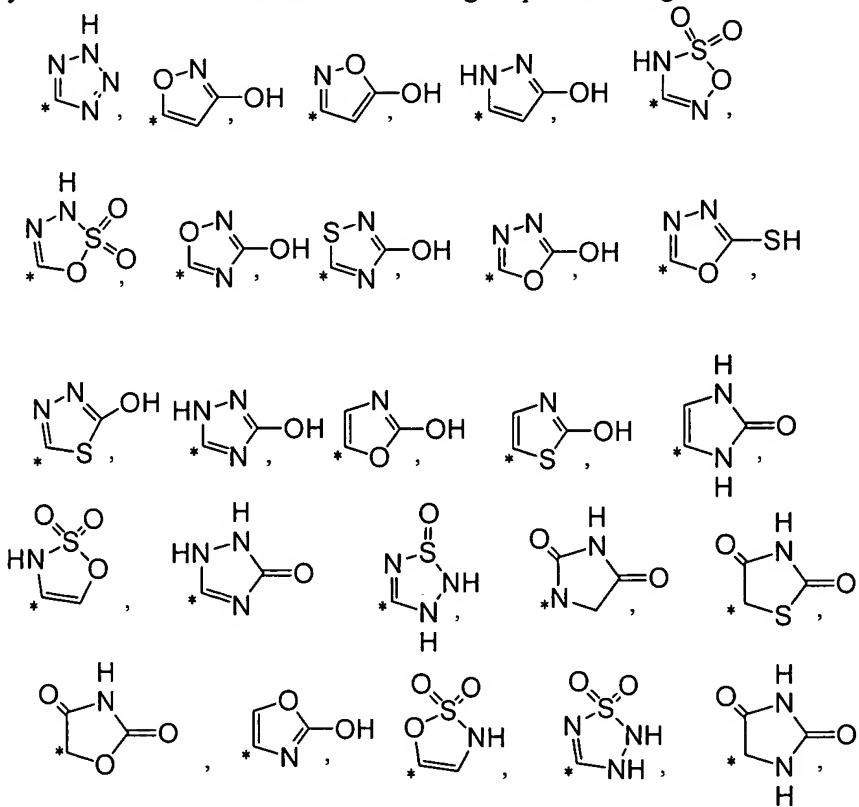
2 (Previously Presented). A compound of formula (II),



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or a pharmaceutically suitable salt or prodrug thereof, wherein

R_1 is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkoxy, alkyl SO_2 , trifluoroalkyl SO_2 , trifluoroalkylNH-, alkyl SO_2NH -, carboxy, cyano, HONHcarbonyl, R_aONH carbonyl, nitro, $R_aOC(O)-$, HO_3S- , H_2NO_2S- , R_aNHO_2S- , $(HO)_2(O)P-$, $(HO)_2(O)PCH_2-$, $(HO)_2(O)PCHF-$, $(HO)_2(O)PCF_2-$ and heterocycle, wherein said heterocycle is a member selected from the group consisting of:



R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_7 are each independently absent or are independently a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, arylcarbonyl, arylalkyl, carboxy, carboxyalkyl, cyano, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, heterocycle, heterocyclecarbonyl, heterocyclealkyl, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, nitro, trihaloalkyl, R_aR_bN , $R_aR_bNalkyl$, $R_aR_bNcarbonyl$, $R_aR_bNcarbonylalkyl$, $R_aR_bNNsulfonyl$, $R_aR_bNNsulfonylalkyl$, wherein R_a and R_b are each independently a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocycle, and heterocyclealkyl;

L is $-G-X_1-J-X_2-K-$;

G , J and K are independently a member selected from the group consisting of a bond, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl and cycloalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, aryl and cycloalkyl may be optionally substituted with a group consisting of alkoxy, alkyl, halogen, hydroxy, hydroxyalkyl, carboxy and R_dR_eN , wherein R_d and R_e are each independently a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl and arylalkyl;

X_1 and X_2 are each independently a member selected from the group consisting of a bond, $-O-$, $-N(R_c)-$, $-N(R_c)C(O)-$, $-C(O)N(R_c)-$, $-N(R_c)S(O)_2-$, $-S(O)_2N(R_c)-$, and $-C(O)-$, wherein R_c is a member selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl and arylalkyl, provided that both X_1 and X_2 are not a bond; and

provided that if J is absent, then at least one of X_1 and X_2 must be absent.

3 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

G is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl and cycloalkyl.

4 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

G is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl and cycloalkyl; and

X_1 , J and K are a bond.

5 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

G is a member selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl and cycloalkyl; and

X_1 , J and K are a bond; and

R_1 is CO_2H .

6 (Original). The compound according to claim 5, a member selected from the group consisting of

5-(3-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-(3-(3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)butyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;

5-((2-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)ethyl)amino)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)propyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-(2-fluoro-5-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
nitrophenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1S,2S)-2-((3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)methyl)cyclopropyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)butyl)-4-methoxyphenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-(4-fluoro-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)butyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)pentyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
propionylphenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-4-hydroxy-3-(3-
hydroxy-2-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)but-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-(1-(2-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)ethyl)-1H-indol-6-yl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-3-(2-(acetylamino)-3-
hydroxyphenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-3-(2-
((benzylamino)carbonyl)-3-hydroxyphenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
5-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-
(methoxycarbonyl)-4-nitrophenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;
4-amino-5-(3-((1E)-3-(3-hydroxy-
2-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;

5-(3-((1*E*)-3-((3',5-dihydroxy-4-(methoxycarbonyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)oxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid; and

5-(3-((1*E*)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-(methoxycarbonyl)phenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)-4-(hydroxymethyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid.

7 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

X_1 is a member selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NH-}$ and $-\text{NHC(O)-}$.

8 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

X_1 is a member selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NH-}$ and $-\text{NHC(O)-}$; and
 G and K are a bond.

9 (Original). The compound according to claim 2, wherein

X_1 is a member selected from the group consisting of $-\text{NH-}$ and $-\text{NHC(O)-}$;

G and K are a bond; and

R_1 is CO_2H .

10 (Original). The compound according to claim 9, a member selected from the group consisting of

5-(3-(((1-acetyl

iperidin-4-yl)carbonyl)amino)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid;

5-(3-((2-(3-hydroxy-2-((methylamino)carbonyl)phenoxy)ethyl)amino)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid; and

5-(3-((1*E*)-3-(3-hydroxy-2-((methylamino)carbonyl)phenoxy)prop-1-enyl)phenyl)isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid.

11 (Canceled). The compound according to claim 2 wherein

L is a bond.

12 (Original). The compound according to claim 2 wherein

L is a bond; and

R_1 is CO_2H .

13 (Original). The compound according to claim 12 that is

5-{3'-(3-(carboxy)isoxazol-5-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl}isoxazole-3-carboxylic acid.

14 (Original). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

15 (Canceled).

16 (Canceled).

17 (Canceled).

18 (Canceled).

19 (Canceled).